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SUBJECT: BHUTTO MEDIATION RE CYPRUS

1. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT PAKISTAN REMAINS ACTIVE RE CYPRUS AND THERE IS A CHANCE THAT BHUTTO STILL MAY UNDERTAKE PERSONAL GOOD OFFICES TO TRY TO BRING THE PARTIES TOGETHER. DURING ARRIVAL CEREMONY OF PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE, SHAHI TALKED TO ME AS MUCH AS HE COULD UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. HE SAID THAT BHUTTO NEARLY DEPARTED SUNDAY MORNING, BUT THAT HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO CONVINCE HIM AT THE LAST MOMENT THAT THINGS WERE NOT RIGHT FOR HIM TO INVEST HIS OWN PERSON AND PRESTIGE.

2. I ASKED IF BHUTTO MIGHT STILL GO TO THE AREA AFTER BANDARANAIKE'S STATE VISIT WAS OVER. SHAHI SAID THAT ALL DEPENDED NOW ON THE POSITION TAKEN BY KARAMANLIS. HE SAID THE TURKS HAD GIVEN SOME MODIFICATION OF THEIR POSITION (I THINK CONCERNING WITHDRAWAL LINES) WHICH APPARENTLY WAS BEING CONSIDERED IN ATHENS. SHAHI FURTHER SAID THAT HE DID NOT THINK PAKISTAN WAS IN A POSITION TO PUSH FOR MORE CONCESSION BY THE TURKS, BECAUSE ON THE LAST CONCESSION ECEVIT PERSONALLY HAD HAD TO OVERRULE SOME KEY MEMBERS OF HIS GOVERNMENT.

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3. I AM SORRY THAT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES THE ABOVE

WAS ALL I COULD OBTAIN. SHAHI DID, HOWEVER, PROMISE TO
SEE ME AS SOON AS HE COULD TO FILL ME IN ON THE DETAILS.
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